

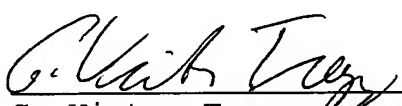
REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the telephone call on May 9, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

After discussing the Office Action and claims in the telephone call, the Examiner agreed that the foregoing claim amendments would address all outstanding issues for this patent application and would place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-16, 22-27, 29-31, and 33 are patentable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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